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SUBJ: NEW SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO KHARTOUM

1. AMBASSADOR 'ARAB SA'ID HASHIM TOLD CHARGE AUGUST 21 HE WOULD BE LEAVING IN TWO DAYS TO TAKE UP HIS NEW ASSIGNMENT AS SAUDI AMBASSADOR TO KHARTOUM. HE SAID HE WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO MEETING THE AMERICAN CHARGE AND CONTINUING IN KHARTOUM THE EXCELLENT PERSONAL TIES HE HAS HAD IN ALL PREVIOUS ASSIGNMENTS WITH HIS AMERICAN COUNTERPARTS.

2. AMBASSADOR HASHIM IS FRIENDLY AND OUTGOING, AND MIGHT PROVE A WORTHWHILE COLLEAGUE. CHARGE TOLD HIM THAT OUR CHARGE IN SUDAN WOULD GET IN TOUCH WITH HIM SOON AFTER HIS ARRIVAL. AMBASSADOR HASHIM SAID THIS WOULD BE GREAT AND HOPED US EMBASSY COULD PERHAPS HELP HIM GET HIS CHILDREN ENROLLED IN AN AMERICAN SCHOOL IN KHARTOUM. HE WAS TOLD "INSHA'ALLAH". HASHIM HAD PERSONALLY KNOWN THE LATE AMBASSADOR CLEO NOEL WHEN THEY SERVED TOGETHER IN KHARTOUM IN THE LATE 1950'S. AMBASSADOR HASHIM WAS SHOCKED AT MURDER OF OUR DIPLOMATS, BUT MADE NO COMMENT ABOUT GOS'S RELEASE OF THEIR KILLERS.

3. BIOGRAPHIC SUMMARY OF AMBASSADOR HASHIM FOLLOWS:

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BORN IN 1924 OF AN OLD MECCA FAMILY THAT HAS TIES ALSO

IN DAMASCUS. HE IS A BROTHER OF MAJOR GENERAL HASHIM HASHIM, THE FORMER HEAD OF THE ROYAL SAUDI AIR FORCE, AND NOW A PRIVATE BUSINESSMAN. FROM 1947 TO 1953 AMBASSADOR HASHIM STUDIED AT THE UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON IN SEATTLE, RECEIVING A DEGREE IN POLITICAL SCIENCE.

AMBASSADOR HASHIM JOINED THE SAUDI FOREIGN SERVICE AS A THIRD SECRETARY ON 14/11/1372 A.H. (APPROX. 1952). IN THE FOLLOWING YEAR HE BRIEFLY HEADED THE PRIVATE OFFICE OF THE MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE.

FROM 15/3/1374 TO 14/3/1376 A.H. (1954-1956) HE WAS ASSIGNED TO THE SAUDI EMBASSY IN LONDON, BEING PROMOTED TO SECOND SECRETARY. IN 1957 HE WAS TRANSFERRED TO KHARTOUM AND WAS PROMOTED TO THE RANK OF FIRST SECRETARY.

HASHIM WAS TRANSFERRED IN 1960 TO MADRID AS COUNSELLOR, AND HE WAS PROMOTED TO CLASS ONE, GRADE "B" AS MINISTER PLENIPOTENTARY ON 13/11/1382 (1962). IN 1963, HE SERVED BRIEFLY IN BONN AND THEN WAS TRANSFERRED TO CAIRO.

ON MAY 5, 1966, HASHIM WAS APPOINTED AMBASSADOR TO MALI. HE WAS ADDITIONALLY APPOINTED AS NON-RESIDENT AMBASSADOR TO NIGER ON MARCH 9, 1967, PRESENTING HIS CREDENTIALS ON APRIL 17, 1967.

AMBASSADOR HASHIM WAS CALLED HOME ON CONSULTATION IN THE WINTER OF 1968 AND REMAINED FOR A WHILE AFTER A CHANGE OF GOVERNMENT IN MALI, FINALLY RETURNING IN JANUARY 1969. HE WAS DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR TO IRAN IN AUGUST 1969. HE RETURNED FROM IRAN SUMMER OF 1974 AND SPENT SOME TIME IN JIDDA BETWEEN ASSIGNMENTS. MARRIED.
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